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October 29, 2002

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Attention: Examiner Ula Ruddock

Art Unit 1771

Re: Patent Application 09/837,739
Antimicrobial Materials / Jim Reich

Examiner Ruddock:

The purpose of this letter is to document prior art under section 35 U.S.C. 301 Citation of Prior Art.

Mr. Jim Reich with his patent application is attempting to patent exactly the material that I use in my patent, U.S. Patent # 6,000, 057 and in essence, my method of hunting.

Mr. Reich has on numerous occasions attempted to license my products which I sell under patent #6,000,057. I have attached letters from him and his attorney. (Attachment 1-5) I could not reach amicable terms with Mr. Reich and no license agreement was ever granted.

I note to the examiner that all inventors take an oath (35 U.S.C. 115) stating that the applicant is the original and first inventor of the process, machine, manufacturer or composition of matter or improvement thereof, for which he solicits a patent. In 35 U.S.C. 102 Conditions of Patentability, Novelty and Loss of Right to a Patent, a person shall be entitled to a patent unless:

A. The invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication. AND

F. He did not himself invent the subject matter sought to be patented.

It is my opinion that Mr. Reich has violated these laws of invention by attempting to patent something he clearly did not invent and is doing so even after being notified that his hunting clothes made of antimicrobial material and sold under the Ab-Scent trade name, violate my patent.

I have attached numerous invoices (Attachment 6-8) of yarn/ fabric we purchased to make our clothing that pre-date Mr. Reich's patent application. Those yarns shown upon the invoices of Dixie Yarns and Cavalier Specialty Yarns are fiber blends of man made fibers, 80% (Coolmax) Dacron which is a polyester like fiber and 20% Microsafe which is an acetate fiber made by Hoechst Celanesc. I have attached additional proof in a letter from Hoechst Celanese where in, they verified the effectiveness of my Coolmax/Microsafe blend in controlling bacteria. (Attachment 9) I have also included a catalog sheet from Hoechst Celanese (Attachment 10) which states in the second paragraph " The beauty of Microsafe

fiber is that you can blend it with other fibers to create a wide range of fabric types to fit many applications." Microsafe which you can read in the first paragraph is an acetate fiber with antimicrobial properties. I might add that Microsafe is a product made with Microban b. Microban b is triclosan. Mr. Reich was fully aware of the fiber composition of my fabric when he was attempting to license under my patent. Our present fabrics include polyester and acrylics blended with antimicrobials.

I would ask the examiner to review this information carefully and if there are criminal penalties for violating these patent laws, then it would be my hope that these laws would be enforced to their full extent.

If you need any additional information or clarification, I am available at my office.
952-496-0430.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Newman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony Newman

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Re: Newman w/ Fox-Rich Textiles, Inc.
 United States Letters Patent No. 6,000,057 and related patent(s) pending

Dear Mr. Sherrill:

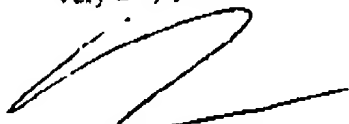
Confirming our conversation this date, you have discussed the issue of the exclusivity of a patent license with your client and expect to be discussing with him further items regarding a proposed license between your client and Fox-Rich Textiles, Inc. ("Fox-Rich").

Please be advised that our client remains positive that the parties can reach a license agreement favorable to them both, and certainly if there are issues they bear full discussion.

I would welcome a written term sheet from your office at your earliest convenience, that will allow our firm to prepare a license agreement.

Thus, I await your communication with me during the beginning to middle of next week. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard E. Carmen

cc: Fox-Rich Textiles, Inc.

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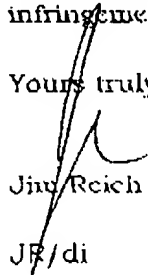
Fax to: - Contain
Fax #: 612-496-0204
Attn: Tony newman

As we discussed Friday by phone, following is our offer.

We agree to pay Contain 5% of the net sales of any of the Ah-Scent[™] fabrics.

You agree not to sue or threaten to sue any of our customers for any type of infringement of your patents.

Yours truly,


Jim Reich

JR/di

cc. Richard Carmen, Esq.
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Re: Newman w/ Fox-Rich Textiles, Inc.
 United States Letters Patent No. 6,000,057 and related patent(s) pending

Dear Mr. Sherrill:

I understand that Mr. Newman and Mr. Reich have discussed the possibility of an agreement to allow Fox-Rich to make, use or sell product(s) the elements of which may read on certain of the claims of the above patent(s). Further, I believe that Mr. Reich and Mr. Newman may have discussed that such agreement would also require the appropriate covenant not to sue and/or release (i.e. that Mr. Newman and/or Contain would not bring any action or threaten any action for patent infringement whether for direct infringement, for inducement of infringement, or for contributory infringement, or for related causes (such as unfair competition), against any supplier or customer of Fox-Rich.) In addition, as part of such agreement, Fox-Rich would agree to pay for such authorization and such covenant/release. I also understand that Mr. Reich had agreed to fax Fox-Rich's standard "license" agreement, to your office (although certainly this is more tailored to a copyright/trademark license and would need to be modified.) In that regard, I enclose a copy of same with this letter.

I await your response. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard E. Carmen

cc: Fox-Rich Textiles, Inc.

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37 DANBURY ROAD, RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877
TEL (203) 438-3153 FAX (203) 438-3803
EMAIL: FOX RICH 1@AOL.COM

October 17, 2000

Fax to: Contain
Fax #: 612-496-0204
Attn: Tony Newman

Dear Tony:

Before I have Richard draw up the agreement that we discussed yesterday, I want to make sure that we address several issues.

- 1) Fox-Rich will pay (let us know who we will be paying) 5% of the net sales of Ab-Scent..
- 2) These payments will be made, irregardless of payment to Fox-Rich, the month following Fox-Rich's invoice to the customer.
- 3) You will receive an accounting each month as to how much is owed with copies of all Ab-Scent.. invoices.
- 4) Fox-Rich has the right, at its discretion, to defend your patents.
- 5) I know this was an issue last year, but we would prefer this to be an exclusive agreement. An exclusive agreement would justify a much larger effort, financially and time wise, to expand the sales. This will benefit both of us.
- 6) We would like this to be a two year agreement renewable with the consent of both parties.
- 7) We would like the agreement to read that, with this agreement, none of our customers risk legal problems with Contain as to any of your related patents.

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8) We would like a non-disclosure paragraph written into the agreement since, in the course of the agreement, we will be giving you customers names, addresses, what they buy etc. This information will be given to you solely for the purpose of verifying the amount of money that Fox-Rich owes.

Please give me a call after you have had a chance to look this over so that I can have Richard start writing the agreement.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Jim Reich

JR/di



DIXIE YARNS

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P.O. BOX 751 CHATTANOOGA, TN 37401
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Date	30-Nov-1998
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SOLD TO
V.S.I.
VEST-SHIELD, INC.
P.O. BOX 337
690 O VALLEY INDUSTRIAL CIRCLE
SHAKOPEE, MN 55379
USA

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SHIP TO

UNIVERSAL KNITTING
2719 HWY 52 N.
ALBEMARLE, NC 28001
USA

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CUSTOMER CODE 88452	CUSTOMER ORDER NUMBER 2105	OUR ORDER NUMBER (If Blank, See Below) 16149	SLR&P. INT. PB	PLANT SHBF	CURRENCY USD	DATE 2/24/00	PAGE 1
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Richard Cartwright
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G.S.T./H.S.T.	0.00
Q.S.T.	0.00

TOTAL VALUE 22,115.03

CURRENCY USD

1 Customer Copy

All payments must be directed to St. Laurent. Claims must be made within 60 days from receipt of goods and before goods are used. Goods should not be returned without our prior written permission. The terms hereon stipulated do not constitute a delay for payment or credit but are merely indicative of periods of time before which a discount is applicable, if any, and after which service charges will start being applied.

The invoiced weight is corrected in accordance with ASTM D-1909 table and CAN 2-4.2-M77. Appendix A Moisture Regain Standards.

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Celanese
A C E T A T E**FAX**

612-496-0204

Acetate Filament Business Line
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March 3, 1999

Mr. Tony Newman
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Tony,

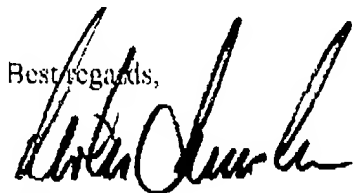
The test results are back on your Coolmax/MicroSafe camo printed cloth sample.

The product, as seen by the attached results is protected against the growth of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, and tested well on both sides.

The fabric was tested for MicroSafe® content; 18.9% was found.

Good luck with your program.

Best regards,

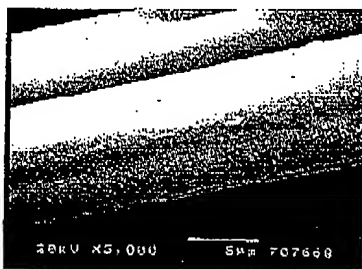


Mike Gruender

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What is MicroSafe®?



Photograph of MicroSafe® fiber
(20kv x 7,500)
The antimicrobial additive resides
within the interstices of the acetate
fiber.

Very simply, its an acetate fiber with antimicrobial protection incorporated within the fiber. Acetate fiber is a man-made, cellulosic fiber made from wood pulp-- a natural, renewable resource -- and acetic acid. The antimicrobial ingredient is scientifically proven to inhibit the growth of a broad range of bacteria, mold, mildew and fungi in products.

The beauty of MicroSafe fiber is that you can blend it with other fibers to create a wide range of fabric types to fit many applications.

And since MicroSafe fiber is acetate, it brings the natural-like qualities of acetate to the fabric blend -- luxurious, soft hand, breathability and comfort. Best of all, the antimicrobial protection in MicroSafe fibers is non-toxic and engineered to last the life of the product, even through repeated washings.

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